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1. BUMINES REQUESTS FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM RRA DURING VISIT ARGENTINA. A) MINERALS QUESTIONNAIRE FOR 1976; B) UP-TO-DATE PUBLICATION OR INFORMATION WHICH CORRELATES CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES TRADED WITH DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMODITIES. PLEASE AIR POUCH. C) BRIEF OVERVIEW OF MINERAL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE RRA'S LAST REPORT. D) CONFIRM IF EXPANSION OF PORTO MADRYN ALUMINUM SMELTER TO 140,000 METRIC TONS COMPLETED IN 1977. ALSO, IF ANY FURTHER EXPANSION PLANS. E) LATEST "ESTADISTICA MINERA" IN BUREAU IS FOR 1974. IS A MORE RECENT ISSUE AVAILABLE? ALSO, DOES ARGENTINA HAVE PUBLICATION ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION WHICH, PRESUMABLY, WOULD HAVE DATA ON PRODUCTION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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METALS, FERTILIZERS, ETC., WHICH ARE NOT PUBLISHED IN "ESTADISTICA MINERA"?

2. A STOPOVER IN PARAGUAY WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO INQUIRE IF PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN UTILIZING HYDROPOWER FROM ITAIPU DAM FOR MINERAL PROJECTS, UNLESS EMBASSY IN ASUNCION ALREADY IS WELL BRIEFED. RECENTLY POWER CONSULTANTS, ON THEIR WAY

TO PARAGUAY, VISITED BUMINES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON
UTILIZATION OF POWER IN ALUMINUM AND IRON AND STEEL INDUS-
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